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NEW PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC ISSUES APPEAL

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(TEXT) BANGUI, SEP. 21 (AFP)--THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC=S NEW PRESIDENT DAVID DACKO TODAY APPEALED FOR ARMED FORCES AND SECURITY SERVICES SUPPORT AND PROMISED THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD WORK FOR NATIONAL ..ITY, DEMOCRATIC LIBERTY AND A SOUND ECONOMY. (WORD INDISTINCT) IN A RADIO STATEMENT HERE, MR DACKO WHO LAST NIGHT OVERTHREW EMPEROR BOKASSA FIRST, SAID CITIZENS SHOULD RENOUNCE VIOLENCE IN ORDER TO REBUILD THE COUNTRY.

IN A BROADCAST MONITORED EARLIER IN CHAD, PRESIDENT DACKO SAID THE COUNTRY HAD BEEN COLLAPSING, THE REGIME OF EMPEROR BOKASSA HAD +DECOMPOSED+. +THE LAST ACT HAS BEEN MARKED BY THE MASSACRE OF HUNDREDS OF CENTRAL AFRICAN CHILDREN, WHICH HAS UNLEASHED UNIVERSAL REPROBATION+.

HE ADDED: +FOR 14 YEARS THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN EXPLOITED BY HE WHO HAD HIMSELF PROCLAIMED EMPEROR AND WHO, MOREOVER, HAD LOWERED OUR STATUS IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD BY HIS EXCESSES, HIS RIDICULOUSNESS HIS DELUSION OF GRANDEUR WHICH HAS ENTIRELY RUINED THE COUNTRY. THE ECONOMY ITSELF IS WRECKED, THERE ARE NO MORE ROADS, NO MORE TRADE...EXTERNAL AID WAS EMBEZZLED BY BOKASSA AND SWITCHED TO HIS ACCOUNTS IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY IN SWITZERLAND+.

MR DACKO ADDED THAT OFFICIALS WERE NO LONGER PAID AND THOSE WHO DISPLEASED THE EMPEROR WERE SACKED +WHEN THEY WERE NOT IMPRISONED OR MURDERED...IN A WORD, THERE IS NO LONGER A STATE+.

CENTRAL AFRICANS HAD BEEN THREATENED WITH PRISON, TORTURE, KILLINGS, HAD BEEN +MALTREATED, BRUTALIZED AND REDUCED TO SLAVERY+.

PRESIDENT DACKO SAID (WORDS INDISTINCT) CONFIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY +HELPED BY A BROAD RANGE OF CENTRAL AFRICANS, BUSINESSMEN AND POLITICAL LEADERS+ WHOSE NAMES WOULD BE RELEASED ONCE THEIR SAFETY WAS ASSURED.

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HE APPEALED TO +FOREIGN FRIENDS+ TO HELP SHIELD THE PEOPLE FROM +BLOODY REPRISALS+ BY THE +SINISTER BOKASSA+.

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